



**Burkina Faso: A blessing to the World**

**Welcome to the December 2019 Transform Burkina newsletter. We hope you find inspiration and encouragement as you read on!**



### **A window on the world**

For many rural schools, particularly where internet access and computers are almost unknown, a school library can give the chance to broaden and deepen the curriculum, offering students a real 'window on the world'.

We are therefore delighted to have secured generous funding to build and equip a library (see artist's impression above) at Soulyale School as part of the major development plans there.

Contact us for more details.

### **Welcoming 'MAD'**

We are delighted to welcome MAD (Make a Difference) group supporters to this newsletter.



### **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

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Discussions over the last few months have led to Transform Burkina and MAD agreeing to 'pool our efforts' and work together from 2020 as we seek to transform more lives in Burkina Faso.

Watch this space for more details of 'MAD' projects.



### **Burkina update**

Sadly, the security situation in Burkina Faso has not improved, with more reports of attacks and casualties recently featuring in the international media.

We continue to monitor this very closely. We are pleased to report that our projects and local partner staff remain safe, but our hearts go out to the people of the country and we remain determined that these problems will not stop us offering the support to transform lives that remains so urgently needed.

Please contact us if you have particular questions or concerns.



## Boosting skills

Over 90 further 'Job Booster' graduates have just completed their courses, learning both practical and business skills in courses such as IT or sewing (pictured) as a business.

The programme offers young people the chance to use their new found skills either to find a job or start their own business and we are seeing increasing demand for future programmes.



*Pictured is a 'Crèche de Noel', a traditional decoration, placed outside houses in Burkina Faso over the festive season.*

## Christmas gifts for Burkina Faso

If you are stuck for a Christmas gift idea then we may be able to help with our 'gift list' from Burkina Faso.

Whether it is clean water, life-saving medicines or a toilet; visit our Virgin Money Giving page or contact us to see how you could give a gift to a friend in Burkina Faso that lasts a lifetime this Christmas.



## We are recruiting!

After nearly 6 years in the role, Kevin Lawrence (pictured) will be stepping back shortly as Executive Officer, although he will continue to be involved in the work of Transform Burkina.

Therefore we are now in the process of recruiting for a new Executive Officer and you can find details of the role on our web site.

The closing date for applications is the end of January and please share with friends and others who may be interested in joining us.



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